IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Frank Kilian

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

MANAGING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SERVER NODES

CONTAINED WITHIN A CLUSTERED

ENVIRONMENT

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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312(a)

Box Issue Fee Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the claims, before payment of the issue fee, under 37 CFR 1.312(a).